

ORC Racing News

Safety, Security, Growth and Integrity

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Message from the Commissioner

The stable roster is an official ORC document that has not been a high enough priority for the horse racing industry in Michigan. However, we are finding that this lack of importance is hindering us in our regulatory duties. The stable roster must list all of the horses that are trained by the trainer as well as their owners and anyone employed by the trainer. The roster must also list all horses racing in Michigan including any horses stabled at a Michigan race track if they are not currently racing.

The ORC will begin utilizing the stable roster in order to determine licensing eligibility for horses to enter. The stable roster will also be used to determine if the trainer has provided a legitimate person to attend to the horse in the detention barn. We now have new stable rosters posted on our website and in our licensing offices. We will provide a certain grace period for everyone to remember to keep their roster updated but it is our goal to have these maintained for everyone's benefit.



EHV Vaccinations

With the opening of Sports Creek Raceway and Northville Downs, it is imperative for the horsemen who race at these tracks to update the EHV vaccinations on the horses you intend to bring to those tracks. If the EHV certification is not current, you will not be allowed on the grounds. The valid certificates can be faxed to the attention of the ORC veterinarian Northville Downs 248/349-9139 or Sports Creek 810/635-2834.

2007 Sire Stakes Winners

Congratulations to all of this year's Michigan Sire Stakes Winners! The Thoroughbred purse had a total purse of \$720,000 and the Standardbred Sire Stakes reached \$990, 478 in purse money. Thank you to Great Lakes Downs and Hazel Park for hosting the events. We had a great time and were very pleased with the attendance.



Equine Disease 2007 Positives

WNV in Michigan

Jackson - 1
Berrien - 1
St. Joe - 1

EEE in Michigan

Lapeer - 1
Cass - 2
St. Joe - 1

2008 Race Date Applications

There were many in attendance at the public hearing that was held on Monday, October 8, in Lansing to review the 2008 race date applications.

The tracks have applied for the following days:

Hazel Park Raceway – 92 days; Apr 18 – Sep 27

Jackson Raceway – 31 days; May 9 – July 19

Northville Downs – (58)* 44 days; Jan 4 – Apr 12

Northville Racing Corp – 41 days; Oct 3 - Dec 13

Sports Creek – 53 days; Jan 4 – May 4 and (40)* 16 days; Nov 28 – Dec 31

Mount Pleasant Meadows - 37 days; May 3 – Sep 28

Post It Stables (proposed Wayne Co. track) - opening mid-July; number of days TBD

Cooper Racing Inc. (GLD) - withdrawn

The Commissioner will announce the live racing schedule on October 31.

Out of Competition Testing

Since there are certain substances that are difficult to detect in post race testing, the ORC has begun to conduct out of competition testing on qualified horses, horses with a current timed workout or that have raced within 60 days. Only qualified horses will be in the potential pool of horses selected for out-of-competition testing. Selection of horses will be through routine investigation monitoring with consideration of performance variances.

The drugs and prohibited substances that the ORC will test for are Class I substances and Erythropoietin and Darbepoietin as these substances have no generally accepted medical use for a race horse. Any owner and/or trainer identified as trainer of record according to license by the State of Michigan, Office of Racing Commissioner is required to make the horse(s) available to have a blood sample taken. The ORC will conduct out-of-competition testing during normal and reasonable business hours. In addition, upon arrival at the facility, ORC staff will provide the trainer with a notice explaining the intended testing and show their credentials. If a qualified horse selected for out-of-competition testing is not made available for testing by the

ORC, be advised that the selected horse will be scratched, the trainer's and/or owner's licenses will be summarily suspended and/or the person's involved are subject to additional investigation.

Stable Roster

According to the ORC Administrative Rules, R 31.1055, section 10, it shall be a trainer's responsibility to maintain on file with the commissioner an up-to-date roster of owners, employees, and any others having access to the trainer's assigned premises. The roster shall contain all information considered pertinent by the commissioner.

It is vital that this form is filled out accurately and completely. It is also imperative that when working relationships listed on the stable roster change, the stable roster must be updated within 48 hours. That is, if horses under the trainer's care change, owners buy or sell horses, grooms or assistant trainers are hired or dismissed then the stable roster must show these changes as well.



ORC Staff Achievements

The ORC is very proud to have our own hero on staff. Martin Vandavelde, one of ORC's regulation agents, recently travelled to Washington D.C. to donate bone marrow to give another person a second chance at life. Thank you Martin.

We would also like to extend our wishes to Brian Brown who will be running the Marine Corps marathon at the end of October. Good luck Brian!



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ORC New Look

The Office of Racing Commissioner encompasses several program areas such as licensing, investigations, veterinary and sampling activities, stewards' responsibilities as well as general racing oversight at six tracks and the Lansing main office. One of the areas we have been recently working on is our communication with our stakeholders. In order for us to be consistent with horsemen, associations, tracks and other people in the industry, we are in the process of reformatting our forms, and other documents. By having a similar look on our documents, you will quickly and easily identify that it is an official document from our office. All documents will now carry our ORC document tag.